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National Operations Update

As of 7:45 a.m., 1 Feb 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

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MAIN POINTS

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- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 planned demonstration.

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

COVID-19

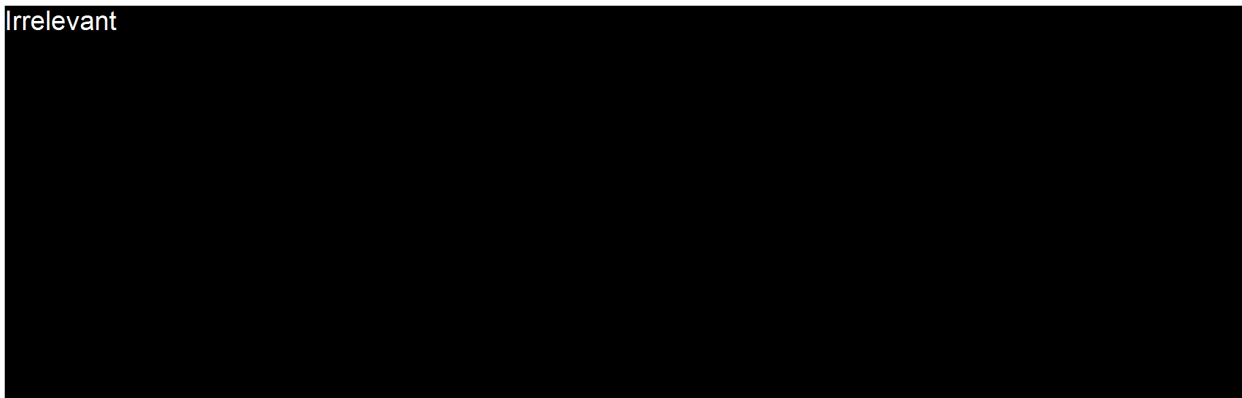
Current RFA Update

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Potential New RFAs being considered

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IQALUIT WATER SAFETY

- News media reporting calls mount for public inquiry into Iqaluit water crisis. The Government of Nunavut has stated its intent on proceeding with an independent third-party review in conjunction with the City of Iqaluit.
- As of 28 Jan, Nunavut's Health Department has lifted a precautionary boil-water advisory for the City of Iqaluit. The advisory was put in place on 19 Jan when the city started using a bypass system to pump water to residents.
- Nunavut MP Lori Idlout (NDP) is calling for \$180M to end the water emergency in Iqaluit, in a letter dated 21 Jan to Infrastructure and Communities Minister Dominic Leblanc. No specifics provided on what the funds would be used for, but Mayor Kenny Bell recently stated that the city needs a new water source and treatment plant.
- Some residents have reported a return fuel smells in water. Although slight levels of hydrocarbons have been detected in the water, these levels are within an acceptable range.

EMERGING ISSUES

CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 – PLANNED DEMOSTRATION (28-29 JAN)

- The demonstration enters its 6th day; there is no timeline for when it might end. Parked trucks was thinned out again overnight. Demonstrators are vowing to stay or return to protest at a later date.
 - Possible convoys coming from Alexandria and Montreal are expected on 5 Feb.

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- OPS hotline will be set up to report crimes, including intimidation and harassment by the protesters.
 - Two men have been arrested and face criminal charges: for mischief to property and for carrying a weapon to a public meeting.
- Other protests are being planned, in solidarity with those in Ottawa:
 - Convoys leaving from several areas in Quebec plan to arrive in Quebec City on 5 Feb.
- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa – extended to 7 Feb.
- There is concern that individuals with a range of views, some ideologically motivated with violent extremist action, could exploit the convoy to promote action that pose a risk to the public and officer safety. No substantiated threats or credible plans have been identified at this time.
- Three Ports of Entry have seen protest activity: Windsor, ON, Coutts, AB, Emerson, MB. CBSA are not reporting any impacts to operations.
 - An unlawful blockade remains at the Coutts, AB POE, about 50-100 trucks are stuck on the US side since Saturday. RCMP have begun enforcement activities, noting that anyone who blocks the highway is subject to arrest.
- As of 30 Jan, Freedom Convoy 2022 has raised over \$9.9M in fundraising support.
- The convoy could pose a threat to the physical security of the Parliamentary Precinct and significant disruptions to parliamentary operations are expected: A number of road and bridge closures remain in place in the NCR.
- The Crisis Management Cell (CMC) assesses the impact to PMO/PCO assessed as HIGH.
- Restrictions/lockdowns (not/not shelter in place) have been proactively put in place at some locations in Ottawa - this is good practice in these incidences.

OP SAFE HAVEN (ASYLUM SEEKERS)

- Increase in migrants are being reported at the Lacolle, QC port of entry, after lifting a 20 month ban. IRCC confirms it has sufficient capacity to maintain operations for the short-term.
- A transfer of asylum claimants to Ontario is being planned, beginning with a pilot project in Ottawa to start in late March.
- No RFA is expected.

NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN

- No critical impacts are being felt at this time.

SPRING FLOODING IN CANADA

- The GOC will issue its Initial Planning Guidance on 17 Jan.
- A national Risk Assessment and Plan are expected to be finalized and shared in early March.
- Public Safety's Critical Infrastructure (CI) Directorate is conducting a CI Impact Assessment with CI owners/operators, P/T governments and Federal institutions with CI responsibilities.

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UKRAINE

- Minister of National Defence, Anita Anand, arrived in Kyiv on 30 Jan, and met with Ukrainian Defence Minister Olesksii Reznikov on 31 Jan. Ukraine has asked for lethal weapons, Canada has not committed to do so.
- On 30 Jan, Canada is temporarily withdrawing all non-essential staff from its Embassy in Kyiv. This is in addition to the 25 Jan order for all family members of diplomatic staff stationed in Ukraine to leave the country.
- GAC has updated its travel guidance, advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel due to ongoing Russian threats and military buildup in and around the country.
- On 26 Jan, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, joined the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to announce \$340 million for immediate support to Ukraine and for the extension and expansion of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian Armed Forces' military training and capacity-building mission in Ukraine.

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